The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I'm getting my dsl service from a local provider because the time and attention they have given me to help get me started was not offered by Bellsouth. I'm not a computer expert so I probably wouldn't have dsl if it wasn't for this local provider. I also got it at a cheaper rate then Bellsouth was offering it to me. I have dealt with larger telephone companies in the past and they don't offer the type of customer service a smaller company does. Competition has always given the consumer the best service and price. If you remove this requirement it will kill the competition and hurt the very consumer you are suppose to be protecting. Please consider you decision with the consumer in mind.

Sincerely,

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